(c) and (d) Private sector investment in rail transport infrastructure would be beneficial in augmentation of rail transport capacity for expeditious movement of raw materials and finished products in the core industries and would also supplement the resources required by Railways for acquisition of additional rolling stock.

Plying the Satavahana Express

346. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) since when Satavahana express is plying between Vijayawada and Secunderabad and vice versa;

(b) how many days the train has run late on either side since introduction; and

(c) what steps have been taken to eliminate the late running?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) 2713|2714 Satavahana Express has been plying between Vijayawada and Secunderabad since 1-7-92.

(b) The train reached late at Vijayawada on 161 days and Secunderabad 125 days during July 1992 to January, 1993.

(c) Intensive chasing and round the clock monitoring is being done to improve the punctuality of the train.

Late running of Trains between Vijayawada and Secunderabad

347. DR. YELMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of train plying on either side between Vijayawada and Secunderabad;

(b) the number of them running late;

(c) what are the details for the last one year; and

(d) what steps have been taken to eliminate late running?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) 8 pairs of Mail|Express trains, including 2713|2714 Satavahana Express which originates|terminates at Vijayawada and Secunderabad, run between Vijayawada and Secunderabad.

(b) and (c) Punctuality percentage of these trains during last one year has been as follows:—

March, 92	90·00	September, 92 . . .	92·5
April, 92	92·5	October, 92	90·7
May, 92	85·5	November, 92 . . .	90·4
June, 92	88·00	December, 92 . . .	90·0
July, 92	94·00	January, 93	90·0
August, 92	96·3	February, 93 (upto 15th) .	80·0

(d) Intensive chasing and round the clock monitoring is being done to improve late runing of trains.

Drop in Passengers Traffic in Narayanadri Express

348. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a drop in passengers traffic on Tirupati-Secunderabad Narayanadri Express after change in timings at Guntur Sattenapalli, Miryalaguda and Nalgonda; and

(b) if so, what are the details and what steps have been taken to revive the demand?